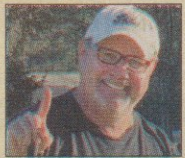


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## COVID-19 testing being offered in Enterprise and Dothan in January

The Southeastern Public Health District offers COVID-19 testing in Enterprise and Dothan for patients who meet the testing criteria and while supplies are available.

Due to limited staffing in this district, testing is only being provided in Coffee and Houston counties at this time. No COVID-19 retesting will be done. Testing is scheduled as follows:

**Coffee County Health Department**  
2841 Neal Metcalf Road  
Enterprise, Ala. 36330  
**Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.**  
January 12, January 19 and January 26

**Houston County Health Department**  
1781 E. Cottonwood Road  
Dothan, Ala. 36301  
**Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.**  
January 13, January 20 and January 27

Symptoms of COVID-19 consist of either cough or shortness of breath (difficulty breathing) or at least two of the following: fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat, fatigue, congestion or runny nose, and new loss of taste or smell. Testing criteria are as follows:

- Persons with symptoms
- Healthcare facility workers, workers in congregating settings, and first responders with symptoms
- Persons without symptoms who have underlying medical conditions or disability placing them at a higher risk of complications or screening of other asymptomatic individuals

## New Brockton Town Council meeting includes swearing-in ceremony

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council meeting Monday night, Jan. 4, was rather routine other than beginning with a swearing-in ceremony for new District Two council person Justin Flowers.

Flowers was appointed to the vacant council seat after no person sought election for the position in the 2020 municipal election.

The financial report provided by town clerk Debra Andrews showed positive numbers for the town.

At the end of December 2020, the town showed a balance of \$637,637.67 in its general fund while other

based on a case-by-case review and approval by the state health department or local health jurisdiction.

The Alabama Department of Public Health advises the following measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds
- Social distance by staying 6 feet away from others
- Avoid people who are sick
- Stay home if you can; work remotely if possible
- Cover your mouth and nose with a face covering

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**NO INJURIES IN TUESDAY MORNING WRECK...**Emergency responders in Elba were dispatched Tuesday morning, Jan. 5, around 9:20 a.m. to this two-vehicle wreck on Hwy. 203 (bypass) in Elba. A Nissan Altima (car on left) reportedly was attempting to pull onto the 203 Bypass when it collided with the Lincoln sedan (shown at right). There were no injuries reported from this collision, which was investigated by Elba Police. Members of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department also responded to the scene.



**SATURDAY WRECK AT BUSY CURTIS COMMUNITY INTERSECTION...**The intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and Alabama Highway 141 in the Curtis Community of Coffee County claimed two more vehicles in a wreck Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Since the opening of the Hwy. 84 four-lane intersection has been the spot for numerous wrecks, and while the frequency of the wrecks has slowed due to increased efforts to remind motorists traveling on Hwy. 141 to stop and yield to Hwy. 84 traffic, there still continue to be incidents at this intersection. On Saturday, an out-of-state car traveling South on Hwy. 141 reportedly was attempting to cross Hwy. 84 when the driver of the vehicle crossed the median and failed to see the SUV shown above traveling East on Hwy. 84. The two vehicles collided, with the car coming to a stop in the ditch by the intersection. According to an eyewitness of the accident and emergency responders on scene, the persons transported from the scene by ambulance for medical treatment did not appear to have serious injuries. The accident was investigated by Alabama State Troopers. Assisting at the scene were Coffee County Sheriff's Deputies and the Elba Fire Department.

town accounts also show positive balances. Andrews reported that income for the month of December had been \$94,142.42 while overall expenses were just over \$107,499.

She said all the regular monthly bills for the town had not been received as of Monday night's meeting, but the estimated cost for the regular monthly bills in January would be \$19,413.89. The council approved a motion to allow Andrews to move forward with paying the town's bills for the month.

Mayor Kathy Holley said the local DAV chapter had been utilizing a storage room at town hall for

several years, but the town had reached a point where it needs that storage space. Therefore, she asked the council to give her permission to ask the DAV group to locate another avenue for its storage needs and remove the items currently being stored at the town hall location.

Holley suggested giving the DAV group up to three months to find an alternate storage location for their items. She said they had not been paying rent for utilization of the storage room at New Brockton Town Hall, therefore, she felt providing them three months to find an alternate location for their storage would be

an adequate request.

The council agreed with the mayor as it voted to approve a motion to give the local DAV chapter up to three months to remove its items being stored at New Brockton Town Hall to allow the town to utilize that storage area instead for its own needs.

Also during the meeting, Council members approved an ordinance to set up an account that Mayor Holley said would be used for CDBG grant monies for the town's lift stations project;

Council members approved the appointment of several individuals to serve on the town's planning commission. The persons appointed to this commission are set to serve staggered terms [from one year up to six year terms].

Prior to adjourning the meeting, Mayor Holley noted that the town hall offices would be closed Monday, Jan. 18, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Normally on this holiday, there is a "Walk of Remembrance" and Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration Program held in New Brockton;

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## 92.14% of Alabama ICU beds full!

### Coffee County confirmed 500-plus COVID-19 cases over last 2 weeks

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Coffee County over the past 14 days escalated to more than 500, and local officials continue to ask citizens to follow the state's Safer at Home Order, to include the wearing of facial covers when in the public and/or within 6-feet of another person outside one's household. The current Safer at Home public health order, amended Dec. 9, 2020, remains in effect until 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, 2021.

Over the past 14 days, the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 dashboard [as of Tuesday morning, Jan. 5th] showed Coffee County had 531 confirmed cases of COVID-19 during the 2-week period. That brought the counties overall total of confirmed cases [since tracking began in March, 2020] to 3,788 cases.

"Our numbers are not much worse but also not better," Coffee County EMA director James Brown said Tuesday, Jan. 5, regarding the past two weeks. "We also think we may have reached testing capacity, and so we don't plan on seeing our reported numbers grow exponentially from where they are currently. In fact, we are only expecting numbers to grow if our positivity rate continues to climb [number of positive tests out of all tests given]."

Brown said this does not mean the county won't have more cases in the community, but instead that it might not be able to test everyone that has symptoms. He said his office had been in contact with ADPH about adding additional testing times in the county but manning is stretched to capacity.

Of the 531 cases in Coffee County for the two

weeks, 327 of those were confirmed Dec. 29th - Jan. 4th, according to numbers from the ADPH website. There were 60 new cases identified on Dec. 29; 50 new cases on Dec. 30; 57 new cases on Dec. 31; 50 new cases on Jan. 1; 43 new cases on Jan. 2; 21 new cases on Jan. 3; and 46 new cases on Jan. 4.

"We do expect more cases after the Christmas/New Year's holidays, but again we may not see the climb in number of 'reported cases' if we have truly met our testing capacity," Brown said. "This may only be evident as hospitalizations go up again in about 3-4 weeks or so from now."

As for hospitals, he said the numbers are not good currently. Brown said there were 3,080 COVID-19 patients in Alabama as of Tuesday - 20.27 percent of all hospitalizations. He added that 92.14 percent of all ICU beds in Alabama were full earlier this week.

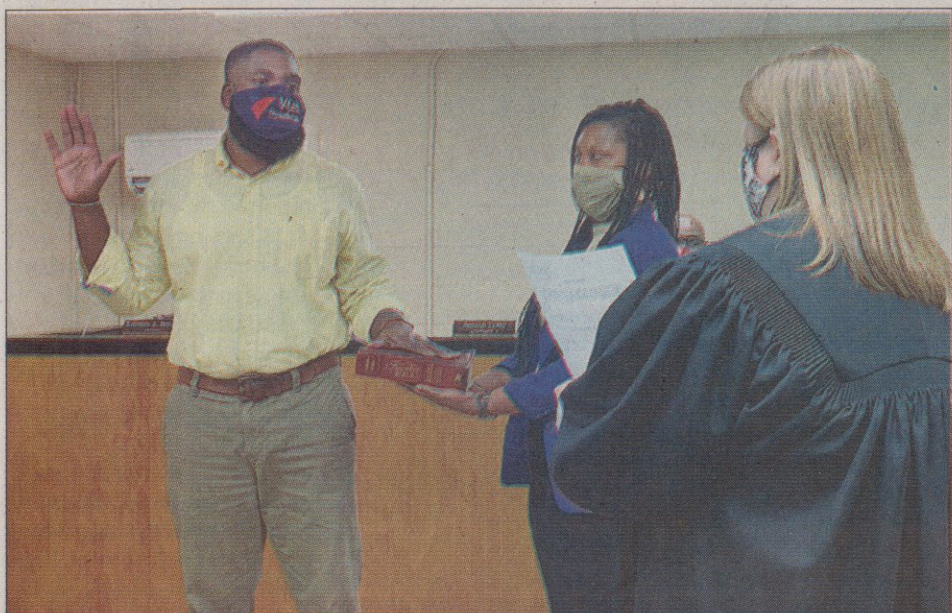
"Locally, some look worse and are in negative territory for ICU beds," Brown said. "Locally, some look worse and are in negative territory for ICU beds," Brown said. "Not all hospitals report this information to the public, and we cannot share individual hospital capacity numbers unless there is an operational need to do so."

Also, earlier this week, Alabama maintained the number two spot in the country among states for COVID-19 positivity rate going from 38.7 percent last week up to 46.7 percent this week.

Brown said this indicates that almost half of the tests taken in Alabama are coming back positive, indicative of very high community spread.

"During the last report on COVID-19 cases in Coffee County, we stood at just under 37 new cases per day over the previous two-week period," Brown said. "This week we went up one a day at 37.9 cases a day [531 cases over the last two weeks]."

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**Prior to the start of the New Brockton Town Council meeting** held Monday night, Jan. 4, Justin Flowers officially was sworn-in as the District Two council member for the town. No person ran for the office of District Two council member during the 2020 municipal election, and following the election, Flowers was identified as being willing to serve for his district. After being appointed for the spot, he was sworn-in Monday night with the oath of office administered (above) by Coffee County Probate Judge Jodee Thompson. Also pictured, holding the Bible during the swearing-in, is Flowers' wife.

## Area Happenings

**THE EVERGREEN CEMETERY BOARD** will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., Elba City Hall.



## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

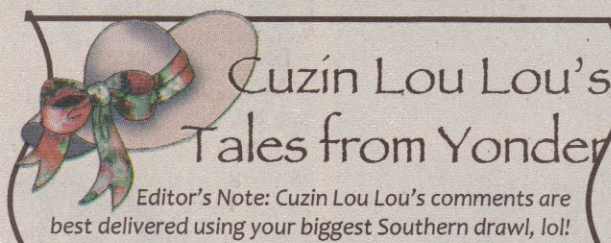
*"From New Year's on the outlook brightens; good humor lost in a mood of failure returns. I resolve to stop complaining."* - Leonard Bernstein

The Texas preacher killed with his own gun Sunday is a prime example of how things can go wrong, in spite of your determination. We often remind folks carrying a gun to 'be careful' someone doesn't take it away from you and use it on you. It often prompts a laugh . . . but not today from the members of that Texas church. The man charged with killing the preacher reportedly took it away from the him as the preacher discovered the man hiding in a church restroom and with a church bank bag in his possession. Now we don't think the preacher did anything wrong . . . except letting the thug catch him off guard and take his weapon.

We are writing this on Tuesday morning while Georgia voters are returning to the polls to settle run-off races in two U. S. Senate races. The millions of dollars spent on this would have fed a whole bunch of hungry people in America and around the world. However, supporters of each side in this race felt strongly enough of the outcome that they continued to pump millions into the race, right on up to (and including) election day. Odds are that no one will know for days – or weeks – after the polls close tonight exactly if the Democrats take over either of the two offices or if the Republicans hold on to one of both of the Senate seats. The outcome will surely determine the direction of the Senate and ultimately the entire President Biden political agenda for the next few years. Counting the early voting ballots, doing recounts (as was done in Georgia for the presidential race of November 2020), and maybe some lawsuits could drag this matter out for a month or more. Even then you can expect claims and counterclaims will dominate the national news even longer.

COVID-19 continues to ravage the world and especially the United States. The US is often "first" in many categories but leading the world in COVID cases – and deaths – is not one Americans asked for, yet in the statistics column this great country won anyway. In spite of news of several vaccines being approved for the general public, politics, red tape, and just simple logistics are slowing the act of getting those shots into our arms. Of course there are those who are actually declining the vaccines when they are offered! We were shocked to read that an alarming number of medical professionals – those on the front lines of the battle – are declining the shots. There are two real problems with that position. One is that they are definitely a threat of becoming the next victim. Second, with their increased chance of catching the bug they increase the threat of the virus being spread to others.

Personally, we have had at least a half dozen close relatives who tested positive for COVID-19. Most of those cases have been classified as mild, but a couple were (are) serious. A niece was a medical miracle when she was an early survivor. Right now, an 80-year-old sister is nearing the end of her second week sleeping in a Georgia hospital bed hooked up to all kinds of machines as she battles a full blown case of COVID-19. How she got it? It is a puzzle to all, as she only left home to go to her doctor and maybe visit the druggist to pick up her meds, fully masked, etc. Her underlying health issues probably played a large part in her contracting the virus and her ultimate hospital confinement.

Cuzin Lou Lou's  
Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's comments are best delivered using your biggest Southern drawl, lol!

Cuzin Lou Lou rang in the New Year in quite the low-key fashion this year. Actually, she did it in a way she probably has not done since she was a small child... she was in bed [awake and watching television, but in bed ready to drift off to sleep none-the-less].

Around 10:30 p.m. New Year's Eve, Lou Lou participated in a tradition Sister began many years ago with Mama. After Mama went on to be with the Lord, Lou Lou stepped in to fill Mama's spot in order to keep the tradition alive for Sister.

Sister and Lou Lou toasted the New Year clinging two glasses of sparkling white grape juice together!

Knowing she would be retiring to bed much earlier than the norm for a New Year's Eve, Lou Lou captured the "cheers" moment between the glasses of fruity tastiness with her camera and waited until the booming of fireworks began all around Yonder at the stroke of midnight to post the ever-so low-key celebration on social media. With a little bit of mischief in mind, Lou Lou intentionally did not note in her post that the beverage of choice was only juice. The post simply read "Happy New Year! Cheers!" accompanied by the photo of the two toasting glasses.

Lou Lou has smiled over the past several days when she thinks about that post because she knows, somewhere, someone had an unkind judgment upon incorrectly identifying the beverage. Another night, it

could and might have been something different, but not last Thursday night.

Truthfully, Lou Lou wanted the post to serve as a personal reminder.

Lou Lou wants to always remember that we all have the freedom to make our own choices about things – both big and small, AND, those not included in one's decision-making does not have the right to judge another for his/her decision.

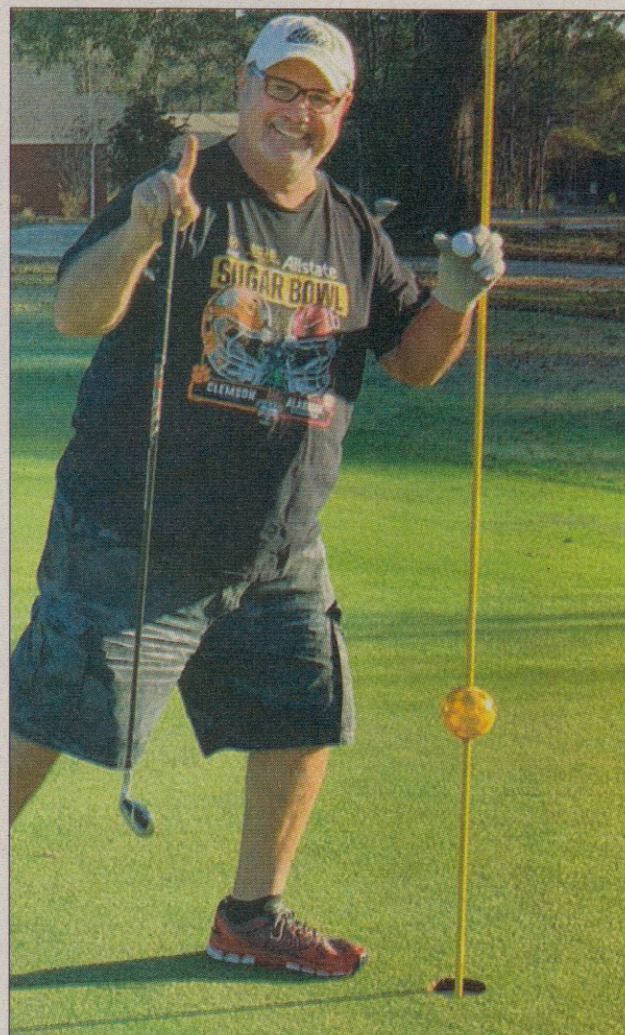
Cuzin Lou Lou hopes she can move through 2021 with a purpose of trying to not be judgmental of others for the things they choose to do or not do. As far as Lou Lou is concerned, there was entirely too much of that going on in 2020 both on social media and in our daily lives.

The "Cheers" post is going to serve as a trigger for Lou Lou to remember that sometimes things may or may not be as they appear [i.e., was it grape juice or was it something entirely different] – either way, it does not matter to anyone except those who are involved in the decision-making process.

In the case of the clinging glasses on New Year's Eve 2020, it was, indeed, some rather tasty sparkling white grape juice.

Don't you agree...there would be far less arguments on social media [and in life in general] if we all remembered that judgment has no place here nor there.

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling! Happy New Year!!



**DYESS GETS HOLE-IN-ONE!** Elba's Johnny Dyess played golf Tuesday, Dec. 29, at the Elba Country Club with a friend, and during the outing Dyess made his first hole-in-one on Number 8. What a way to end 2020!

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2020, and Monday, Jan. 4, 2021, conducted the following activity:

**Tuesday, Dec. 29** – Suspicious vehicle reported on Powell Circle (2:00 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 2345 Hickman Ave (11:36 a.m.); Animal complaint at 1118 Caroline St (12:09 p.m.); Animal complaint at 996 Johnson St (2:16 p.m.); Animal complaint at 322 Old Samson Rd (2:57 p.m.); Animal complaint at 1285 Ann St (5:01 p.m.). There were

two traffic stops on this date resulting in one written warning, and one verbal warning.

**Wednesday, Dec. 30** – Traffic accident reported at 638 Claxton Ave (10:06 a.m.); Animal complaint at 835 Troy Hwy (12:47 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on Smith Ave (6:14 p.m.). There were four traffic stops on this date with all resulting in a verbal warning.

**Thursday, Dec. 31** – Domestic complaint reported at 595 Collier Circle (12:54 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 402 Collier St (9:49 a.m.); Burglary reported at 245 Court Ave (11:31 a.m.); Stolen vehicle reported on Hickman Ave (3:30 a.m.); Noise complaint reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (9:10 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date with a verbal warning.

**Friday, Jan. 1** – Intoxicated person reported at 990 Hwy 203 (1:33 a.m.). There were four traffic stops on this date with three verbal warnings and one noted at detail complete.

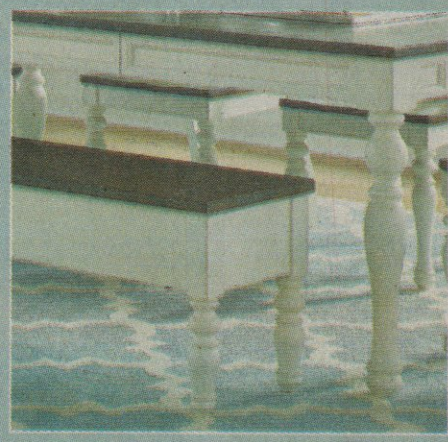
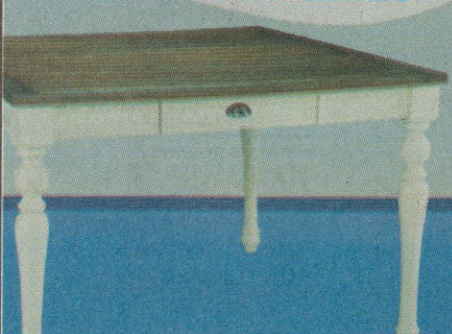
**Saturday, Jan. 2** – Animal complaint reported at 1019 Claxton Ave (2:49 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 990 Hwy 203 (5:48 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 616 Davis St (9:19 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1232 Ann St (9:24 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 609 Pinecove Dr (10:36 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date with a verbal warning.

**Sunday, Jan. 3** – Suspicious vehicle reported at 1681 Claxton Ave (8:27 a.m.); Burglary reported on Simmons St (12:09 p.m.); Man with a gun reported at 199 Virgil Coleman Dr (3:39 p.m.); Unruly juvenile reported at 1068 Morrow Ave (4:51 p.m.); Unruly juvenile reported at 401 Adkinson Ave (8:17 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1015 Guyton St (11:35 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date – no details provided.

**Monday, Jan. 4** – Burglary reported at 1315 Hickman Ave (7:24 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1578 Caroline St (9:27 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 2793 County Rd 404 (10:28 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 563 County Rd 501 (12:44 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Simmons St (2:17 p.m.). There were five traffic stops on this date resulting in two reports completed, two verbal warnings, and one no action taken.

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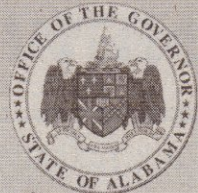
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Coffee County & Surrounding Counties - \$21 per year  
6 Months - \$11, including city & state tax  
Alabama Counties - \$24 per year - including tax  
6 months - \$13  
Outside Alabama - \$27 per year - 6 months - \$15



**EXTENDED SAFER AT HOME**

The Safer at Home order extends until January 22nd at 5 p.m.

**WHAT'S STAYING THE SAME: EVERYTHING****MASKS**

Masks required in public when interacting within 6 feet with people of another household, subject to certain exceptions. Masks required in schools and colleges, where possible, for employees and students in second grade and above.

**ENTERTAINMENT VENUES (SUCH AS ARCADES, THEATERS, BOWLING ALLEYS)**

May open subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines

**ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES**

Allowed subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines

**EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

May open subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines

**CHILD DAY CARE FACILITIES**

May open subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines

**SUMMER CAMP**

May open subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines

**INDIVIDUALS**

Encouraged to stay home and follow good sanitation practices

**EMPLOYERS**

Businesses may open subject to sanitation and social-distancing guidelines

**RETAIL STORES**

Subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules

**MEDICAL PROCEDURES**

Allowed unless prohibited in the future by the State Health Officer to preserve resources necessary to diagnose and treat COVID-19; providers must follow COVID-19-related rules and guidance from state regulatory boards or public health authorities

**HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES**

Subject to restrictions, patients and residents will be allowed visits from one caregiver or one visitor at a time

**SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS**

Regular programming still suspended except meals still available through curbside pick-up or delivery

**NON-WORK GATHERINGS**

Still required to maintain 6 feet of distance between persons not from same household

**RESTAURANTS, BARS AND BREWERIES**

May open with limited table seating, partitions or 6 feet between tables, and subject to additional sanitation rules and guidelines.

**ATHLETIC FACILITIES (SUCH AS FITNESS CENTERS AND COMMERCIAL GYMS)**

Athletic facilities may open subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines. Partitions allowed.

**CLOSE-CONTACT SERVICE PROVIDERS**

Close-contact service providers (such as barber shops, hair salons, nail salons, tattoo services) may open subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines. Partitions allowed.

**BEACHES**

Open with no limit on gatherings. Must maintain 6 feet of separation.

**COVID**

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Brown said ADPH had not added any new deaths to the county's numbers as of Tuesday morning of this week; however, he said Coffee County's death numbers had doubled over the last month. Coffee County was reporting 17 deaths on Dec. 3, 2020, but as of Tuesday, Jan. 5, there had been 38 deaths reported for Coffee County [20 listed as confirmed due to COVID with 18 listed as probable].

"For figuring, we can expect about one percent of those diagnosed to pass away [of some cause], and we can expect about 13 percent of those diagnosed over the last two weeks to need hospitalization with 3-4 weeks of diagnoses," Brown said.

Brown said he expects the true number of COVID cases to continue to climb, but he does not expect to see that climb necessarily reflected in the numbers distributed by ADPH.

"We also don't see things improving in the near future as the public lacks confidence in the reported case numbers and viability of the vaccine," he said. "Without large numbers receiving the vaccine the situation will continue to compound."

Brown said another unfortunate thing to consider is that as the matter continues to progress fewer people could be staying in quarantine when testing positive or being exposed to the virus because they are not

convinced of the seriousness of the pandemic.

"We also don't see people convinced or their minds changing unless [an if] they have a negative personal or family experience with this virus," Brown said. "We need to continue to encourage people to listen to the recommendations and even go beyond the big three [wear a mask, wash hands, social distance]. I know I have added 'clean all surfaces' to my list."

He added, "We can also encourage the public to refrain from participation in large group activities, especially indoors, and ask them to stay home as much as possible [and not travel]."

As of Tuesday, ADPH reported 226,280 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine available with 42,810 administered. Brown said he had not heard any news on when the vaccine administration would move into "Phase 1B" to include all first responders.

"We do remain confident in our previous predictions, however, that less people will get this vaccine than those that get the flu vaccine," Brown said. "We have been told that some pharmacies may be receiving doses of the vaccine 'soon' and this will improve the ability to distribute and open it up to more people."

For now, he said, "We pin our hopes on the best and continue to plan for the worst."

**EDNA SUE STINSON**

Mrs. Edna Sue Stinson, age 89, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021, at Wiregrass Medical Center in Geneva, Ala.

Due to health concerns, private services will be held. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba is serving the Stinson family.

Mrs. Stinson was preceded in death by her husband - Earl Stinson, two sons - David and Derrick Stinson, and a grandson - Mason Stinson.

Survivors include her sons: Danny (Vicky) Stinson, Dudley (Lisa) Stinson, Donnie (Nita) Stinson, and Dale (Sharon) Stinson, all of Elba; sister: Pat Powell, Elba; brother: Mickey McCollough, Elba; 16 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and one great great-grandchild.

**G.W. RICHARDS**

Mr. G. W. Richards, age 75, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2020, at his home.

Graveside services were held Dec. 31, 2020 at the Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Andy Marler officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Mr. Richards was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Ann Richards; along with his parents, Mary Ann and Clyde Richards; and a sister, Mary Virginia Forehand.

Survivors include his son: Danny Richards; daughters: Sylvia Morris, Elba, and Sheena Doster; sister: Minnie Lee Johnson; a brother - James Richards; his grandchildren: Kimberly Blue, Josh Richards, Dylan Richards, Lexey Richards, Austin Donaldson, and Leslie Donaldson; and two great-grandsons: Daniel Ewing and Kolton Ewing.

**JAMES ALVIE ADCOCK**

Rev. James Alvie Adcock, age 87, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021, at his home.

Funeral services were held Jan. 6, 2021 from Taylor Hill Community Baptist Church at 11 a.m. with Rev. James Hataway officiating. Burial followed

in the Taylor Hill Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Visitation was at Taylor Hill Community Baptist Church on Wednesday, Jan. 6, from 10-11 a.m.

Survivors include his wife: Joy Mae Adcock, Elba; daughter: Susan Elaine Wise; sons: Wayne (Lynn) Adcock, Keith (Penny) Adcock, Kenneth (Donna) Adcock, and Michael (Paula) Adcock; brother: Larry (Cheryl) Adcock; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great great-grandchild.

**JANICE GOODSON**

Ms. Janice Goodson, age 70, a resident of Parkwood Nursing Home in Phenix City, Ala., died Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020, at Columbus Hospice Home in Columbus, Ga., due to complications of the COVID-19 virus.

No formal services were held. Ms. Goodson was laid to rest in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in the Victoria Community of Coffee County, under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala.

Janice was preceded in death by her parents, Polly Goodson Thompson and Roy E. Goodson, along with several siblings.

**RUBY HOLMAN GILLIAM**

Mrs. Ruby Holman Gilliam, age 89, died Friday Jan. 1, 2021 at the Elba Nursing Home and Rehabilitation, Elba, Ala.

Due to COVID-19, the family will have a private graveside service with Thurman Funeral Home, Sparta, Tenn., entrusted with the arrangements. Memorial contribu-

tions can be made to: Antioch Church of Christ at 6100 Boatman, Cookeville, TN 38506

She was born Feb. 5, 1931 in White County, Tenn., to the late Robert and Linnie England.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Robert Gilliam; husband, Stanford Holman; son, Robert Holman.

Survivors include her daughter: Judy Hall, Elba, Ala.; sons: Barnett (Marie) Gilliam, Virginia Beach, Va., Tony (Trudy) Gilliam, Anniston, Ala.; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

**TESTS**

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when around others

- Cover coughs and sneezes
  - Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces
  - Monitor your health
- For more information, contact the Southeastern Public Health District at (334) 792-9070 or visit alabamapublichealth.gov.

**TOWN**

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however, it was discussed Monday night that event organizers felt it best to not host the event this year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The next regular meeting for the New Brockton Town Council is set for Monday evening, Feb. 1, at 6 p.m.

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## Alabama Cooperative Extension offering several online workshops

Dr. Robert Tufts from Alabama Extension has a number of online workshops focusing on everything from estate planning to timber tax law, coming up after the first of the year.

• Basic Estate Planning - January 14

For more information, visit: <https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/farm-management/basic-estate-planning-online-workshop/>

• Timber Tax and IRS Reporting - January 22

For more information, visit: <https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/farm-management/timber-tax-and-irs-reporting-online-workshop/>

• Estate Planning for

Landowners - January 28

For more information, visit: <https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/farm-management/estate-planning-for-landowners-online-workshop/>

• Heirs Property - February 11

For more information, visit: <https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/farm-management/heirs-property-online-workshop/>

• Using Trusts in Estate Planning - February 18

For more information, visit: <https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/farm-management/using-trusts-in-estate-planning-online-workshop/>

• Landowner Liability -

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**New Year's Resolutions & Grief**

As the new year begins, that means reflecting on the past year and looking to improving your wellness, health and life. But for those who have lost someone, resolution season can be a difficult time of making promises that are hard to keep. Here are a few tips for getting through resolution season.

**Make Tangible Goals.** It's easy to say "I want to lose weight" or "I want to make more money." How do you plan to lose weight? How are you going to make more money? Attach concrete tasks to each goal. You can pledge to improve work output and earn a bonus or promotion. You can vow to cut down on sweets or fried foods and plan to work out more to lose weight. For those that are grieving, the goals may be more rooted in emotion. "I want to cope better with loss" or "I want to honor those I have lost." Scheduling those crucial first appointments with grief counselors or therapists can help aid some of the grief of loss. Now, for honoring those that have passed on, those goals can be more varied.

**Getting Creative.** Honoring those that have been lost is a deeply personal task. Each person is different and each person's legacy is different. Some would love to be honored by a special memorial garden while others would want their loved ones to go on one more spectacular trip. Other ways of honoring those lost would be to vow to visit the places where your loved ones are laid to rest more often. You could also try expressive ways to cope and grieve through artistic expression.

**Be Honest With Yourself.** Change of any kind is difficult. Change while still processing the grief of a lost loved one is even more difficult. Be honest with your emotions and your grief. If you stumble along the way, know you can always get back up. If you miss a day working out or aren't able to visit the cemetery as often as you'd like, accept it as a temporary stumbling point and move on vowing to do better next time.

This resolution season, be kind to yourself. Accept that each step is a step forward and grief comes in many forms. Use this resolution season to try new things or rediscover some old hobbies you love and shared with those who have passed. Take each day as an opportunity to honor the legacy of your loved ones.

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# CHURCH NEWS

## PASTOR'S CORNER

by Will Jordan, Pastor

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Recently I was in a church member's home and saw a wall piece that simply read, "Be Kind". I have not been able to get this simple, two word statement off my mind.

It occurred to me it is not always necessary to use a lot of words to convey a message. These two words transmitted the message loud, clear and fully. Being kind is not only a good idea, but for the Christian, it is mandated.

We are told about the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5: 22, 23 – "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

Please note these are not "Fruits of the Spirit" as we would think of them singularly. One might say, "Well I'm ok with all of them except this one or that one." My friends; that is not how this works. They are all a part of one thing.

Consequently, if we fail in any one of these, we have basically failed in them all. You see, you might be faithful, but if your kindness is not evident, then your faithfulness is in question. You might be kind and gentle, but lack joy and peace; which would severely hinder your walk with Christ on the journey to sanctification. The Spirit does not communicate which fruit is the most important; because they ALL ARE!

We are on a constant journey to sanctification, and certainly we all stumble from time to time. If we are saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, then we know that only through Christ can we truly receive the fruit of the Spirit. The wonderful thing is that God's mercy is truly fresh every day. There is nothing we have thought, said, or done that is too big for God's forgiveness. We must simply and sincerely ask forgiveness and turn away from the sin.

Christians are not meant to walk around with a sour outlook, seldom sharing a smile. We are to be the happiest people in the world. Now, I know that we will have bad days, but remember what Paul tells us in Romans 8:28 – "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

Even when we fall away or make mistakes, God can use the situation for good. We might not see it at the time, but He will.

So in 2021, let's concentrate not only on being kind, but also on love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. With us, this is impossible, but with our all-powerful, all knowing and ever present God ALL things are possible.

**\*\* Pastor Will Jordan of Newbia Baptist Church will be writing the Pastor's Corner column for the month of January.**

## Upcoming Landmark Park Activities:

### Seed Swap and Garden Expo

January 30. 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Bring your seed collection and trade with fellow gardeners. Plus, learn how to get started with gardening, beekeeping and other backyard activities. Hosted by the Wiregrass Master Gardeners Association. Stokes Activity Barn. Free with paid gate admission (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, free for park members). Sponsored by Wiregrass RC&D.

### Astronomy Night

February 12. 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Exciting and informative program that gives visitors a view of several stars and planets through telescopes and binoculars on the gazebo lawn. Staff members will help point out winter constellations and visitors will get the chance to experience a stary hayride and campfire. Night walks will take place on the boardwalk. Warm up in the Interpretive Center after stargazing and enjoy out of this world snacks, space crafts, and a presentation on Astronomy in our Auditorium. This year, the planetarium will not be open due to COVID-19 safety regulations and low space capacity. Scouts are welcome, and Astronomy Night meets several requirements for the Astronomy Badge. Admission is \$5 for members, \$6 for Scouts and their leaders in uniform and \$8 for nonmembers and free for children 5 and under. Registration and prepayment are required and can be made at [www.landmarkparkdothan.com](http://www.landmarkparkdothan.com).

### Quilt Retreat

Led by Sherry Burkhalter, the annual retreat will be held on February 26 from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. and February 27 from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Stokes Activity Barn. This is a great opportunity to brush up on your quilting techniques and learn something new with your fellow quilters. Cost for the retreat is \$75 and includes supper Friday, lunch Saturday, drinks and snacks. Bring your sewing machines and supplies. Space is limited and registration is required. Call Sherry at 334-790-9045 or visit her shop, Quilted Creations, on the square in Headland.

### Iron Pour

On Saturday, February 27, Landmark Park and the Wiregrass Museum of Art will partner to bring Sloss Metal Arts to the park for an Iron Pour at Landmark Park and special exhibit at the Wiregrass Museum of Art. Participants to the February 27 Iron Pour will be making 3.75"X3.75" scratch block tiles. Cost is \$10 materials fee plus gate fee (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, and free for park members). Registration and prepaid materials fee required. To ensure social distancing, space is limited, and participants will register in 30 minute blocks (between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.) of 20 people in each block. Visit [www.landmarkparkdothan.com](http://www.landmarkparkdothan.com) to register. The exhibit, Pattern and Void, will be on display at the Wiregrass Museum of Art from January 22-June 26.

**\*\* Walk your furry friends in the NEW leashed-dog-friendly area (dogs only allowed in dog walk area). Sponsored by Wiregrass RC&D.**

**\*\* The Bridal Suite is open at the Stokes Activity Barn! Let Landmark Park host you on your big day. Visit [www.landmarkparkdothan.com](http://www.landmarkparkdothan.com) for details.**

**Mask are required when indoors and when in large groups in close quarters outdoors. Visit [www.landmarkparkdothan.com](http://www.landmarkparkdothan.com) for more info or to register for a program.**

## Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

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**Scripture:** The Heritage of the Righteous and the Calamity of the Wicked. [Psalm 37: 1-40]

### Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Lillian Finch, Rose Coleman, Cleve Williams Davis, Corene Wilkerson, Shanika Pruitt, Michael M. Manning, Bill S. Kelley, Emily Newman

### December Birthdays / Anniversaries

Arianna Eliese Kelley 12/25  
Shane Williams 12/25  
E.J. Yelverton 12/25 (in memory)  
Ed Hooks 12/25 (in memory)  
Jerry and Diane Culver 12/27 W.A.  
Danny and Janice Cole 12/27 W.A.  
Mary Sue Dawson 12/27  
Amaya Henderson 12/28  
Alice Musgrove 12/28  
Thomas Williams 12/28 (in memory)  
Derrick Hooks 12/31  
Pastor A.R. and Bessie Williams 12/31 W.A.

### Looking for Answers in All the Wrong Places

In October 1347, the worst mass killer in history started on it awful (and awe-inspiring) course. In less than four years, 25 million people in Europe – one third of the population – had died from the Black Death. Most of it victims died within a week, their skin bearing the black blotches that gave the plague its name.

Some physicians blamed an unfortunate alignment of the planets; others said the plague came from poisonous fumes released by earthquakes. Not knowing that being bitten by fleas (which transmitted the disease from infected rats) was the source of the disease, doctors recommended various avoidance regimens, such as eating figs and filberts in the morning

or not sleeping on one's back so "evil airs" would not run down the nose into the lungs. The doctors were looking in all the wrong places. Religious leaders were no better; to avoid the Black Death. Pope Clement VI isolated himself and rubbed an emerald ring. In Zedekiah's time, the priests and the people together practiced the idolatrous and immoral follies of their neighbors rather than looking to God for answers to the troubles their nation was having. We do the same today; after each news making tragedy, we pass more laws or sanction some rogue dictator or take some other external action. What we need is a moral regeneration that only God can provide. – C.R.B.

### Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 12/31/20

**Q:** The light of the gospel is for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
**A:** Jews and gentiles [Acts 26: 23]  
**Q:** Timothy's grandmother's name was \_\_\_\_\_ and his mother's name was \_\_\_\_\_.

**A:** Lois and Eunice [2 Timothy 1: 5]  
**Q:** Paul's customary place to preach on the Sabbath Day was the \_\_\_\_\_.  
**A:** Synagogue [Acts 18: 4]

### Thought to Remember

Our Future is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God

### Questions for the Week of 1/7/2021

**(fill in the blanks)**  
**Q:** A great number of angels appeared to the \_\_\_\_\_ to announce the Birth of Jesus.  
**Q:** Aquila and Priscilla instructed a man from Alexandria named \_\_\_\_\_

**Today is a good day! Be grateful.**  
**Eria's Daughter, Sue**

## Church News is due Mondays before 5 pm

Share Yours with Us!!  
Email: [clipperace@troycable.net](mailto:clipperace@troycable.net)

<p><b>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN</b></p> <p><b>ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Rockey Pearce, Pastor Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.</b> Richard Thora Sr., Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sam Self, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHEL AME CHURCH</b> Deborah A. Butler, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Greg Cotter, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Tom Senn, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH</b> Remonia Smith, Pastor Church Service... 9:00 a.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd &amp; 5th Sundays Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</p> <p><b>CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH</b> Larry Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Diana White, Pastor Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Fellowship... 9:45 a.m. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities)... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Steve Watson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Dale Morgan, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>EAON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Mark Ward, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Phillip Box, Minister Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD</b> David Noble, Pastor Sunday School... 10:45 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY</b> H.L. Buckner, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m. Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE</b> Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Dwight Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Tom Anderson, Int. Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Steve Reneau, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Services... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Lovell Martin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> Timothy Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday Morning... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Phillip Adeock, Pastor Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON</b> Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Scott Donaldson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH</b> Edward E. Drake, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH</b> Overseers - Billy Berry Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>GRACE FELLOWSHIP</b> John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Willie L. Peterson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC</b> W.K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH</b> Mark Cooper, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m. Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>INO BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Garry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School... 8:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Matthew Morris, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH</b> Ben Posey, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LIVING WORD CHURCH</b> Derrick Stinson, Pastor Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Greg Hanchey, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LOVE'S WAY CHURCH</b> Charles Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:30 p.m. Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> J.R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 1st &amp; 3rd Sundays</p> <p><b>MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Dewey Emfinger, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Alan Strickland, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Cathedral of the Holy Spirit NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.</b> Linda Williams, Pastor Sunday... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE</b> W.K. Ellison, Pastor Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m. Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Will Jordan, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH</b> Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Bible Study... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Terry Godwin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Bible Study... 5:00 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Randall Pearson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW GLORIOUS COGIC</b> James Starks Jr., Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> Brad Sasser, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH</b> Lanny Shepard, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> Lorearl Flowers, Minister Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</p>	<p><b>OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Julian Mitchell, Pastor 1st - 4th Sun. Morn. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Lee Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON</b> Terry McCrummen, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>PRaise &amp; GLORY WORSHIP CENTER</b> Roy L. Turner, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH</b> A.K. Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</p> <p><b>ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>SHADY GROVE AME</b> James Boots, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST</b> Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Noon Worship... 12 noon Even. Service... 7:00 p.m. Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Class... 7:00 p.m. Fri Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba</b> Max Reed, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Tuesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> C.P. Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH</b> Donald Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:45 p.m. Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Shayne Allen, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>VICTORY TABERNACLE</b> Ruby Lawson, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Ken Wilson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Tommy Green, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Kenneth Hagler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Donnie Marler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Cary Maulden, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p>
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## LIFESTYLES



**CHANCELLOR MASONIC LODGE BROTHERS TRAVEL TO ELBA MASONIC LODGE 170.** Chancellor Masonic Lodge #664 was awarded the "Traveling Gavel" by Alabama State Grand Master Tommy Morrow for having the most Brothers in attendance. The Gavel travels the State of Alabama.

### Elba Masonic Lodge plans unveiling of historical marker for Feb. 13, 2021

The local Masonic Lodge is planning a dedication and unveiling of the historic marker for the Elba Lodge #170 on Saturday, Feb. 13, (tentatively at 2 p.m., but may change as lodge members are trying to coordinate event time with the Mason's Bicentennial Committee).

The members of the Elba Lodge #170 are inviting the relatives and descendants of the original

charter members and officers of the lodge to attend the event. Those charter members were: William W. Simmons, Alfred McGee, William F. Beard, James Claxton, John Harper, Paul Smith, Pierre Darcy Costello, Micajah Harper, Irwin Rogers, William J. Spurlin, James D. McLean, James M. Tullis, and John B. Simmons.

The public is invited.

### ADPH encourages "test home for radon"

Many Alabama residents are spending more time inside their homes because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This means children and adults are exposed to indoor air quality problems that include radon.

January has been designated Radon Action Month. Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that can cause lung cancer. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and the leading cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers. Radon claims an estimated 21,000 lives in the U.S. a year, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

"The best time to test for radon is during the colder months when your home is closed and radon levels are likely to build to their highest concentrations," David Turberville, director of the Office of Radiation Control, Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), said. "We encourage you to test your home by ordering a radon test kit."

Radon appears to occur most frequently in homes across the Tennessee Valley and in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains from Jefferson and Shelby counties through Cleburne County. High levels of indoor radon have also been found in other areas of Alabama. Because radon is a colorless, odorless gas that occurs naturally in soil and rocks through the breakdown of uranium, testing is the only way to know the radon level in a home.

Radon test kits weigh only a few ounces and cost about \$25. Testing for radon should be done on the lowest level of the home on which the occupants spend time, so a finished basement or a basement containing a workshop is a good place to test. Kitchens are not recommended testing areas.

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### LBWCC launches new volleyball program

Lurleen B. Wallace Community College announces the addition of women's volleyball to its intercollegiate athletic program. The program is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2021.

"We are extremely excited to announce the addition of a volleyball program at LBW," said President, Dr. Brock Kelley.

"This will not only allow student-athletes to have an opportunity to extend their playing career after high school but will allow these students to take part in our ever-growing academic programs."

LBWCC will join 10 other colleges in the Alabama Community College Conference that currently offer the program.

"Our goal at LBW with the addition of this program is to bridge the gap of opportunity for Alabama high school volleyball players, especially in South Alabama," Kelley added.

"Our hope is to continue to remove barriers for individuals in all aspects. With the lack of a community college volleyball program in our area, this is one more barrier we are able to remove."

With the addition of women's volleyball, LBWCC will offer 5 athletic programs including, two men's and three women's programs.

The search for the program's head coach will begin in the near future, according to Kelley.

"This is a great opportunity to grow the athletic department at LBW and expand our reach to more student athletes," said Athletic Director, Steve Helms.

"Adding women's volleyball will enhance the traditions already established in our athletic program which focuses on developing young men and women for life after sports."

For more information on the new volleyball program contact Athletic Director, Steve Helms at [shelms@lbwcc.edu](mailto:shelms@lbwcc.edu).

### Wallace Community College offers free Women in Welding Workshop

Wallace Community College Workforce Development, The Wiregrass Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council, and Lincoln Electric have collaborated to create a workshop for females ages 16 and up who are interested in welding.

Wiregrass RC&D funded the grant to increase the awareness and participation of non-traditional students in career and technical education (CTE) programs in Houston and Barbour Counties.

"Our hope is that the workshops will empower women to see the earning potential they have in our community's welding industry," said Joe Johnson, director of Workforce Development at Wallace Community College.

The workshops will be held at Wallace Community College in Dothan January

### New Hope Senior Center seeking new clients to serve

The New Hope Senior Citizens Center is taking applications for new clients. To participate in the center's programs, senior citizens must be 60 years of age or older. For additional information, contact New Hope Senior Center director Connie Banks at (334) 735-5433.



**Nine-year-old Levi Daniels continued his successful hunting season** earlier this week when he killed his first buck! In early December, Levi killed his first-ever deer, but on Monday, Jan. 4, he got his first buck. He was hunting with his dad, Claude Daniels. This father/son duo have enjoyed spending several hours in the woods together this deer hunting season, and Claude - an avid hunter - is excited his son has also found a love for the sport.

### DAV Chapter 99 to meet Jan. 28th

The January 2021 meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99 will be Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021 at 6 p.m., at the New Brockton Senior Center building.

All military, military veterans, and local residents are invited. For information on these upcoming meetings or more information about DAV, contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.

### Recurring Activities at Landmark Park

The Wiregrass Woodturners host a club meeting and woodturning demo every first Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. The public is invited to visit and learn how to make beautiful wooden items turned on a lathe. Wiregrass Woodturner members get in free. Club meets in the Interpretive Center Classroom.

The Landmark Dulcimer Club has a jam and practice session every first Saturday of the month at 1 p.m. You do not have to know how to read music! We prefer you bring your own Mountain Dulcimer but we do have a few practice dulcimers you can borrow if you want to give it a try. Show your instrument and get in for free! Club meets in the Interpretive Center.

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ly enrolled students," said Jennifer Matheny, WCCD dual enrollment coordinator. "Welding has traditionally been viewed as a male-dominated occupation but this grant initiative will empower young women to see the earning potential for women in the industry. Now, more than ever, our dual enrollment program is primed and ready to be used as a catalyst to fill business and industry needs by allowing young women to start these programs as early as the tenth grade."

Katelynn Dean is enrolled in the dual enrollment welding course offered at GTech in Geneva and said that being a girl in welding is empowering.

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The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: DHA Engineering, LLC., 406 Dothan Road Abbeville, Al 36310, 334-5841, harmojc@gmail.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office via pick-up or mail upon a non-refundable production cost payment of \$100.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at the Coffee County Water Authority, 401 E. Davis Street., Elba, Al 36323. All bidders must register as an official plan holder with the engineer no later than 48 hours prior to the bid opening.

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**ESTATE OF CHARLES LAVON HAM a/k/a CHARLES LAVON HAM SR., deceased**

PC 20-016

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned the 22 day of December, 2020, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ William Andrew Stokes IV,  
Personal Representative  
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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF COY C. PATTERSON, Deceased.**

**IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA (ELBA DIVISION)**  
CASE NO.: PC 2020-072

**NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS**

Letters of Administration on the estate of COY C. PATTERSON, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 22nd day of December 2020, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred. /s/ Mandy D. Patterson  
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Default being made in the conditions of that certain mortgage executed by WHITNEY V. KIRKLAND AND WILLIAM A. KIRKLAND, a married couple, to Troy Bank and Trust Company, a banking corporation, on October 30, 2017, and being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama in A/OFFR 176A, Page 145; and

Default being made in the conditions of that certain mortgage executed by WHITNEY V. KIRKLAND AKA WHITNEYA. KIRKLAND, a married woman, to Troy Bank and Trust Company, a banking corporation, on December 20, 2018, and being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama in A/OFFR 183A, Page 435; said Mortgagee to realize the entire indebtedness hereby will, on the 3rd day of February, 2021, between the legal hours of sale at the Courthouse door in Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division, under the powers contained in said mortgages, sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

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The Pressbox  
By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson was over at the house one afternoon last week and before he headed back home reminded us that this year we would celebrate new year's at his home. He said we were all going to eat chips, play games and then go outside and shoot off fireworks. Our little man was right, again, because that was just what we did, and we enjoyed every minute of it!

For what it is worth....

\*\*\* It was good to see high school basketball alive and well last week at the Elba Tiger gym as six girls teams and four boys teams came together for two days of action. The worldwide pandemic has resulted in countless games being cancelled this season all across the state, and that is why teams from as far away as Montgomery and Dothan came to town to get in some action during the holidays. Everything went smooth and fans came out in big numbers to support their favorite teams, and for two days last week all was well in the world of high school sports.

\*\*\* It was a mixed bag of success for the Elba Tigers and Lady Tigers in the tourney as the Tigers lost two games and the Lady Tigers won one and lost one. The Tigers played two up-tempo teams in Georgiana and Highland Home and at times held their own, but saw long dry spells on offense in both games lead to double-digit losses. Despite the losses the Tigers played hard for all thirty-two minutes of both games and never gave up, which should lead to some wins when the regular season resumes. The Lady Tigers lit up the scoreboard for 28 points in the fourth quarter in their opening night win and gained some very valuable experience the second night in a match-up against the state's top ranked team in Class 3A. The Lady Tigers are still looking to put all the pieces together for another run at the state tournament, and I still believe their best ball is yet to come.

\*\*\* None of the teams in the area took advantage of the two-day play date last week in Elba to get in some games, but all the teams are now looking at the tip off of area contests and that means they will take the court, ready or not. Brantley is without a doubt the best team around and the Bulldogs should be the team to beat, while the Lady Bulldogs from Brantley and Kinston are both talented and have the experience to make some noise. New Brockton played a lot of games and showed signs of being better than expected, but that is about it as the other teams missed more games than they played and may pay the price very soon.

\*\*\* In closing.... All Alabama fans had to be thinking 'here we go again' last week when Steve Sarkisian was hired away as the new head football coach at Texas. Bama fans still remember Lane Kiffin leaving just before the Clemson game a few years back, as well as Kirby Smart and Jeremy Pruitt both hanging around in the post-season after taking head coaching jobs. Since Sark is going to stay on the sidelines through the Ohio State game hopefully the change won't prove fatal to the Tide's national title hopes. However, his attention has to be at least shared with Texas, and that can never be good.

In 57-43 loss

Fourth quarter rally falls short for Tigers

The Elba Tigers fell behind big early and saw a furious fourth quarter rally fall short in a 57-43 loss to the Highland Home Flying Squadron, last Tuesday night in the Pea River Christmas Classic.

The Tigers came out sluggish in the second night of the tournament and watched as Highland Home raced out to an early 11-2 lead and carried a big 21-6 lead into the second quarter. The Flying Squadron upped its lead to 26-8 early in the second quarter, but Elba began to show signs of life midway through the stanza and cut the lead to 26-12 after two quick baskets by Byron Burks and Iverson Lane. The rally didn't last for long; however, as Highland Home closed the half with a 7-2 run to carry a 33-14 lead in at intermission.

Highland Home scored the first six points of the third quarter to stretch its lead to 39-14, and while JT Coleman did get inside the Squadron defense for a three-point play to pump life into the Elba fans, the Squadron answered with back-to-back 3-pointers to take its biggest lead of the night at 46-18 late in the quarter.

Highland Home owned a 50-22 lead early in the fourth quarter and emptied its bench. However, the Tigers refused to quit and sparked by four 3-pointers by Collin Harrison went on a 16-0 tear to close the gap to 50-38. Chrystyle Caldwell muscled inside for two baskets and Byron Burks added a late 3-ponter, but the Squadron starters reentered the game and preserved the 57-43 win over the Tigers.

Collin Harrison scored 12 points to lead Elba, while Byron Burks and Chrystyle Caldwell both added 9 points. JJ Faulk scored 17 points and Treager Cooper added 15 to lead Highland Home.

H.H. (57): Cooper 15, Brown 9, Harris 5, McKenzie 8, Faulk 17, Taylor 3.

Elba (43): Lane 4, Burks 9, Harrison 12, Prince 2, Coleman 3, Washington 2, Caldwell 9.

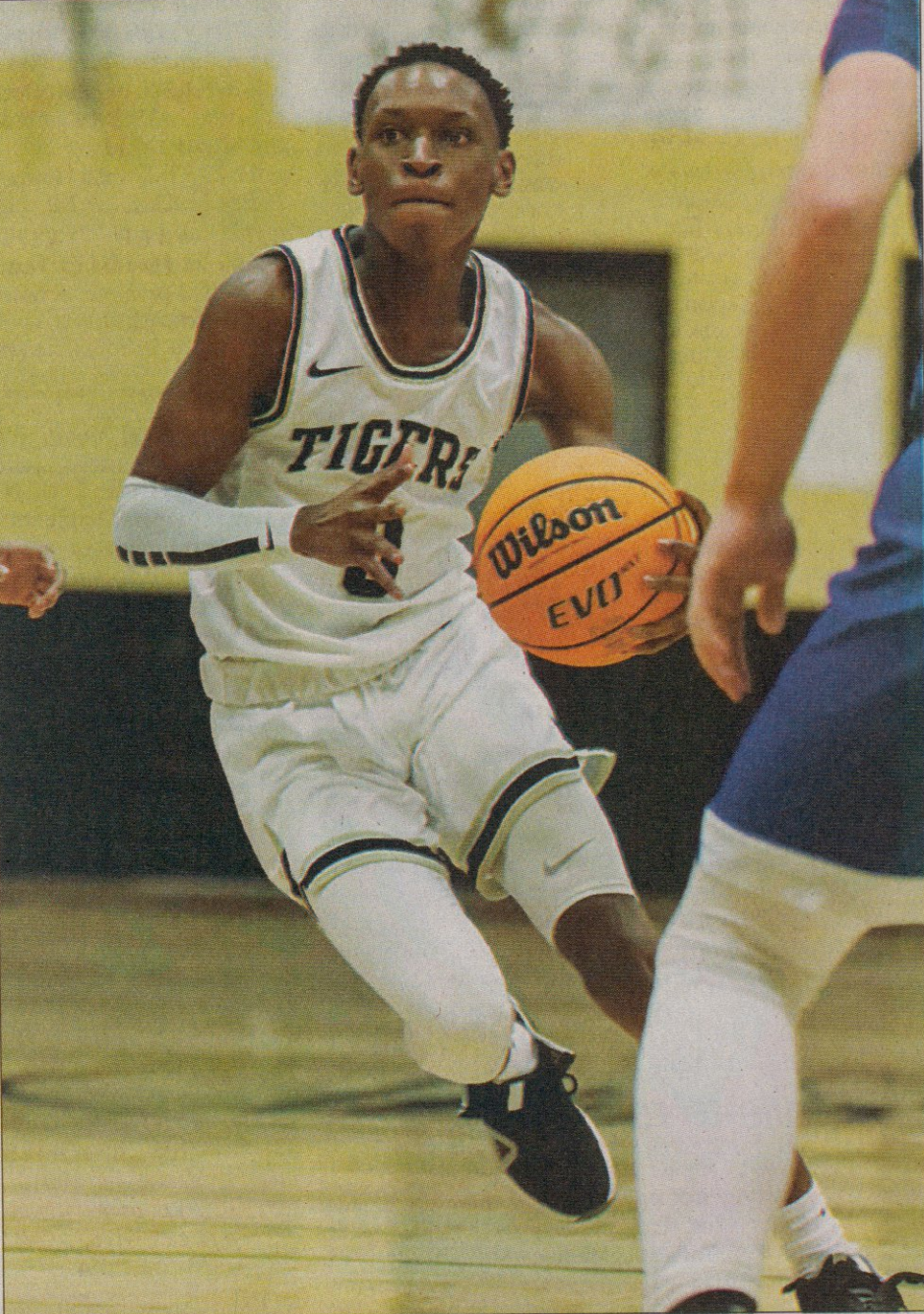
Gamecock trio named 'Elite 11'

The Southeast Sun announced its annual 'Elite 11' high school football selections for the 2020 season and included on the list were New Brockton Gamecock standouts Kaden Cupp, Julian Noble and Colton Marsh.

The list is compiled annually by the weekly newspaper published in Enterprise, and includes players from Enterprise, Daleville and New Brockton. Cupp, a junior, quarterback, battled injuries throughout the season, yet still managed to pass for 836 yards and six touchdowns and rush for 795 yards and 12 td's to lead the Gamecock offense.

Noble, a senior, running back/linebacker, rushed for 148 yards and one touchdown, caught five passes for 83 yards and one td, and on defense recorded 51 tackles, including nine tackles for losses and five sacks.

Marsh, a senior, wide-receiver/defensive back, had 12 receptions for 212 yards and two touchdowns, and on defense recorded 16 tackles and 3 interceptions.



Elba Tiger Kimdarius Hill (0) looks for a path to the basket in holiday tournament action. (Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Elba clawed by Panthers 66-66

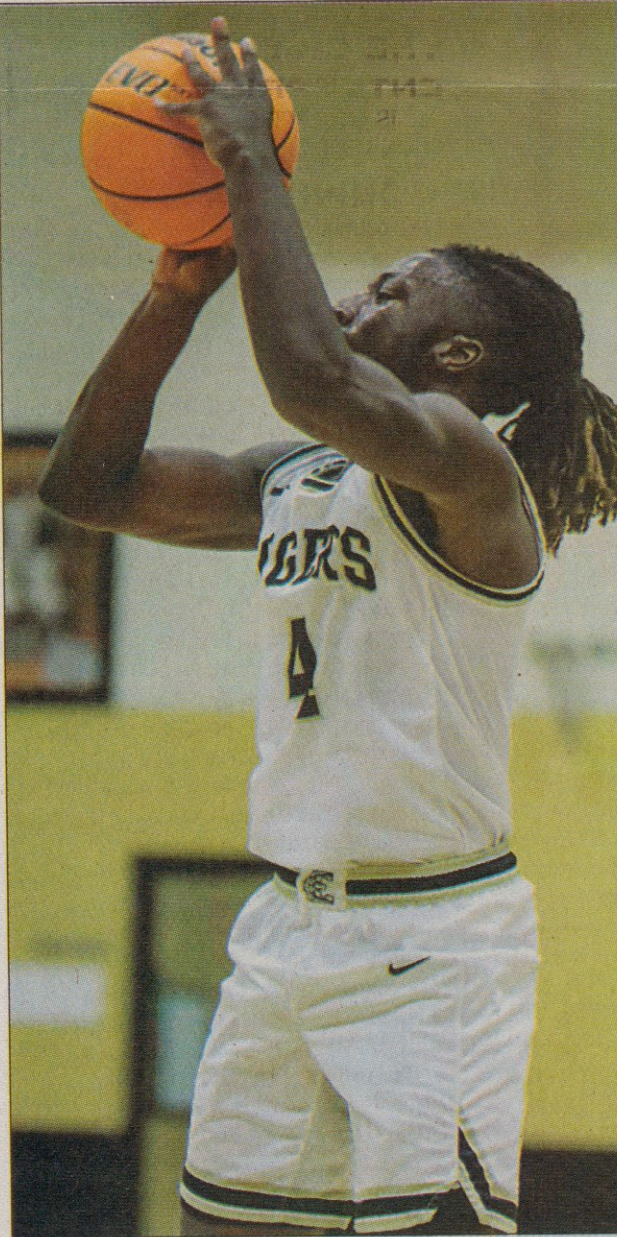
The Elba Tigers hosted the Georgiana Panthers last Monday night in the opening round of the Pea River Christmas Classic and never recovered from a five-minute scoring drought in the second quarter in a big 66-47 loss.

Elba jumped out to an early 2-0 lead on a basket by Chrystyle Caldwell and held its own with the highly-ranked Panthers throughout the opening quarter as a late lay-up by Kimdarius Hill pulled the Tigers within 13-12 heading into the second stanza.

The second quarter was a different story; however, as Georgiana took advantage of a five-minute scoring drought by the Tigers to go on a 14-0 run as the Panthers stretched their lead to 27-12 midway through the quarter. A 3-pointer by Collin Harrison with 2:55 remaining in the quarter snapped the long drought, and Harrison and Kimdarius Hill both later added 3-pointers during a 9-0 Elba run as the Tigers rallied to cut the Panthers lead to 27-21.

Georgiana carried a 31-23 lead into the third quarter and quickly regained command as the Panthers used a 14-1 run during the initial four minutes of the quarter to extend their lead to 45-24 with 4:09 left in the stanza. The Tigers Jaquez Prince scored five points in the closing minutes of the quarter to try and spark a late rally, but Georgiana refused to surrender its lead and connected on 6 of 8 free throws down the stretch to carry a 51-33 advantage into the final stanza.

Elba never backed down in the closing quarter and behind two long 3-pointers by Jaquez Prince battled until the final horn. However, the Panthers quickly upped their lead to 59-37 and easily held on to



Elba Tiger Jaquez Prince (4) fires in a basket during recent holiday tournament action. (Photo by BC Sports Photography)

hand the Tigers the 66-47 setback. Kimdarius Hill scored 13 points to lead Elba, while Jaquez Prince added 11 and Collin Harrison scored 10. Azenda Pennington scored 27 points to lead

Georgiana. G'giana (66): Bell 5, Feagin 2, Walker 2, Mobley 9, Pennington 27, Sims 4, Longmire 9, Boggan 10. Elba (47): Hill 13, Harrison 10, Prince 11, Coleman 4, Caldwell 9.

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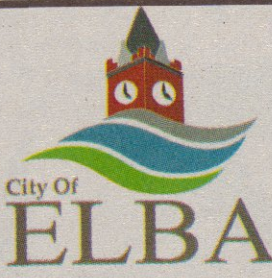
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SPORTS NEWS

Outscore Georgiana 67-56

Lady Tigers win a wild one

The Elba Lady Tigers spotted Georgiana an early 9-0 lead and then came roaring back to outscore the Lady Panthers 67-56, last Monday night in the opening round of the Pea River Christmas Classic.

The Lady Tigers had a hard time finding their way to the basket in the early minutes of the opening stanza and watched as Georgiana raced out to a 9-0 lead before Elba coach Shaun Hammonds called a time out to settle down his team. The time out worked, at least for senior guard Makinna Gray, as the speedy ball-handler scored nine points in the final three minutes of the quarter and drained a late 3-pointer to pull the Lady Tigers within 12-9 heading into the second quarter.

Georgiana stretched its lead to 18-11 early in the second quarter, but back-to-back 3-pointers by Jaylen Baker and Breanna Sanders pulled Elba within one point at 18-17, and when Jayla Gray drove in for a basket with 2:16 left in the stanza the Lady Tigers had caught the Lady

Panthers at 21-21, and when the horn sounded to end the half the score was still tied at 23-23.

Makinna Gray sparked a 5-0 Elba run early in the third quarter as the Lady Tigers grabbed a 28-23 lead, and when Nina Williams hit a short jumper midway through the stanza the lead was up to 32-25 with 4:14 remaining in the quarter. The Lady Panthers used an 11-4 run to pull even at 36-36 late in the stanza. However, Danaejah Flowers and Nina Williams scored in the closing minute to allow the Lady Tigers to carry a 39-36 lead into the fourth quarter.

Georgiana opened the fourth quarter with a 6-2 run to take a 42-41 lead with 6:23 left on the clock, but a put back by Danaejah Flowers on a missed free-throw put Elba back in front 43-42, and when Jayla Gray scored on a driving lay-up the Lady Tigers had used a 6-0 run to grab a 47-42 lead. Georgiana cut the lead to 47-46 and appeared ready to regain the lead, but Jaylen Baker and Jayla Gray combined

for four points to push the lead to 51-46, only to see the Lady Panthers stage another rally to pull even at 53-53 with 3:02 left in the contest.

Jayla Gray and Jaylen Baker sparked a 7-0 run to put the Lady Tigers on top 60-53 with 2:11 left on the clock, and when Nina Williams scored on a steal and lay-up it completed a 13-0 Elba run that finally gave the Lady Tigers some breathing room with a 66-53 advantage, and helped the Lady Tigers post the exciting 67-56 tournament win.

Jaylen Baker scored 20 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead Elba, while Makinna Gray added 17 points and 4 steals, Nina Williams added 11 points and Jayla Gray scored 10 points. Tenasia Gorden scored 27 points to lead Georgiana.

**Elba (67):** Baker 20, Williams 11, J. Gray 10, Sanders 5, Flowers 4, M. Gray 17.

**G'giana (56):** Boggan 6, Haynes 4, McClain 5, Bess 14, Gorden 27.

Elba falls to top-ranked Lady Eagles 57-33

The Elba Lady Tigers battled the 3A top-ranked Montgomery Academy Lady Eagles last Tuesday night in the second round of the Pea River Christmas Classic and despite a gritty performance on both ends of the court were simply

no match as they dropped a 57-33 decision.

The Lady Tigers had success getting to the goal and had four players score in the opening quarter, led by Nina Williams with four points. However, Montgomery Academy got

hot from behind the arc and drained five 3-pointers as the Lady Eagles opened up a 20-10 advantage.

Elba closed the gap to 23-14 early in the second quarter on a basket by Makinna Gray from outside, but the Lady Eagles used a 7-0 run to stretch their lead to 30-14 and carried a big 33-17 lead in at the half.

Jaylen Baker converted a three-point play early in the third quarter to pull Elba within 33-20; however, Montgomery Academy answered with a pair of 3-pointers to push its lead to 39-20, and even though the Lady Tigers scored the final four points of the stanza, the Lady Eagles never lost command and carried a 45-26 lead into the final quarter.

Montgomery Academy hit its eleventh 3-pointer of the game early in the fourth quarter and took its biggest lead of the night at 53-28 midway through the stanza, and while the Lady Tigers never threw in the towel, the Lady Eagles were simply too much to handle as they left with the big 57-33 win.

Jaylen Baker scored 11 points and grabbed 8 rebounds to lead Elba, while Gabby Ramirez scored 15 points and Chloe Johnson added 12 to lead Montgomery Academy.

**M.A. (57):** Williams 2, Robertson 9, Caddell 9, Thomas 4, Meacham 6, Johnson 12, Ramirez 15.

**Elba (33):** Baker 11, Williams 9, J. Gray 3, Sanders 6, M. Gray 4.



Elba Lady Tiger Jaylen Baker (in white) goes high to score over a Montgomery Academy defender in holiday action. Baker scored a total of 31 points and pulled down 20 rebounds in last week's action.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

‘Pea River Christmas Classic’  
Tourney Results

**Monday, Dec. 28**  
(Girls)  
Andalusia 40 Highland Home 23  
Montgomery Academy 48 Dothan 45  
Elba 67 Georgiana 56  
(Boys)  
Montgomery Academy 52 Highland Home 49  
Georgiana 66 Elba 47

**Tuesday, Dec. 29**  
(Girls)  
Andalusia 67 Georgiana 58 Dothan 64 Highland Home 21  
Montgomery Academy 57 Elba 33  
(Boys)  
Montgomery Academy 52 Georgiana 51  
Highland Home 57 Elba 43

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**JONES NAMED 1A FINALIST FOR MVP....**

Brantley Bulldog all-state offensive lineman Carson Jones added to his list of honors last week when he was named as a finalist for Class 1A lineman 'Player of the Year.' Jones, a 6-2, 274, senior, graded out at 92 percent during the Bulldogs 13-1 season and recorded a total of nine pancake blocks. Joining Jones as a finalist were Zacchaeus Reese, of Florala, and Jamarcus Williams, of Linden.

High School

**BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

Thursday, Jan. 7 Kinston at Pleasant Home	Tuesday, Jan. 12 G.W. Long at Elba New Brockton at Opp Kinston at Samson
Friday, Jan. 8 Elba at Zion Chapel New Brockton at Pike County Kinston at Brantley	Thursday, Jan. 14 Ariton at Elba Florala at Kinston
Saturday, Jan. 9 Elba at Opp Brantley at Luverne Monday, Jan. 11 McKenzie at Brantley	Support high school sports & remember to wear your masks!



Elba Lady Tiger Jayla Gray (14) drives to the basket in recent holiday tournament action.

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